



What's Cooking at the Bike Kitchen



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Special points of interest:

- Next Board meeting: Sunday, December 29 at 4:30. All board meetings are at the shop and open to the public
- Shop Hours: Sundays 12-4 Mondays 5-9
- Want to learn more and stay up to date. Find us on Facebook under Lincoln Bike
- Donate to support the kitchen online at www.razoo.com or through our website/Facebook

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Keeping the Kitchen Open

Hello, welcome to NET fund-raising week. Oh, sorry, flashback. But really, it is that time here at the Lincoln Bike Kitchen. I got to take my hat and pass it around to all of you out there. We need your help and it's kind of a big deal. As much as we love all you folks "Liking us" we really need you to take the next step. Friends, Lincolmites, Community Supporters, lend me your clicks! We need you to click on the great little button that will take you to our fund-raising site at Razoo and drop a bit into the hat.

I am going to be brutally honest here, it takes about \$900 a month to keep us open. In the summer we raise quite a bit of our funding by going to events and setting out the hat there. It's winter though, and our donations have dropped off a cliff. Folks, I know that if you have been following us, if you are reading this, you most likely think that we all need to work together to make our world a better place. Your help now will help us keep providing access and outreach to folks who would have nowhere else to go for

bikes, repairs, and education. Most of our folks are low or extremely low income and if it wasn't for the shop, volunteers, donors, and members, they would not have access to safe bike ownership, bike repairs, and bike education.

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Kyle Luttgeharm, LBK mechanic, working on a bike with help from the customers young boy.

Monthly bike report for November

Now, on to bragging on the mechanics with the numbers for the month....8 bikes from the Every Kid Needs a Bike program, 2 Earn a Bikes, and more repairs than I have been able to get tallied yet. They have also been very busy on trying to get the shop in some semblance of order (instead of the organized chaos we usually have). We have gained some new volunteers here, which is great (some of these are folks who have earned a bike and continue to come back to help

others). So, LBK sends a big "Thank You!" to all who have been at the shop sorting, stripping (bikes), and wrenching.





Have you met...

Name: Jay Mauk

Home town or state: I have spent most of my life in North Central Kansas

What do you do at LBK: I am mostly in the office or doing outreach, i.e. running around like a crazed squirrel.

What do you do when you're not at LBK or on a bike? I read a lot, cook, do some crafting, and pat cats.

What brought you to LBK? My son needed a bike and loved the place, so he volunteered me to help out at the old house.

What keeps you coming back? I love when kids get to take their bikes home. They are so happy! I do love the warm fuzzy you get from that.

Tell us about your bike: It's a pretty blue Trek step through with a basket. Her name is the Mary Celeste. It came in as just a frame and BJ and the others got her up and sailing so I can ride easier.

What's your riding style: Is slowly a style? No, I am a utilitarian rider but I have gotten better over the summer. I broke 11 mph and went 11.5 miles (a new record). LBK has done a great job helping me to become a (somewhat) rider.

What's your favorite trail for a ride: I really like the Jamaica North (except for the walnuts in the fall and the chat).



Volunteer Opportunities at the Kitchen

We are still in need of bilingual volunteers. I know, you keep thinking someone else will help, but that's what everyone else is thinking too and no one is. So if you have a few hours to help at an open house event, time to put our handouts into a language spoken in Lincoln, or want to help at an outreach event, let us know. You can go to the website and contact us at "Office." Also, if you have a desk top computer that runs Windows, has Office (Word, Excel, & maybe Power Point) and still works (we don't need anything fancy, no time for WOW here) feel free to bring it down. All we have is my personal laptop and I keep worrying it will die.



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These are not folks who are riding just because they like it. For many of our clients the bike is their only transportation other than walking. If they need to go to the store for milk, they take their bike. Off to work in the morning before the bus runs, they have only their bike. It's you folks out there filling the hat that helps them keep their life and our community going.

It's you folks out there who are providing kids with the first bike they have ever had. Yes, some parents could get a bike off Craigslist, and we see those in the shop, too, after the hub has seized while the child was riding or the brakes broke. Again, a little hard truth here, many folks can't even afford to get that big box store bike from Craigslist. It's a choice of paying for

food or a bike. It's a choice between a safe bike and an unsafe bike for the child to get to school on. It's a choice between riding a bike the wrong size for the child and a safe and comfortable ride.

Folks, without you this is not possible. Without you stepping up to the hat and dropping some in this will not be able to continue. Without you deciding to help

your community this may not be here next year. It's a hard brutal truth, we are doing our best here at LBK but we can't do this alone. The majority of the folks who use the shop cannot afford to pay for our services. They drop what they can in the box, but many can't afford more than a buck or two, and sometimes, not even that. We need to be able to continue to help these

folks and we need your help to do it.

How can you help? That's simple. You can go to the wonderful Razoo link and do it from anywhere. You can come to the shop and drop a little something in the box. You can get a membership and get the exciting perks that come with that. You could even snail mail something to us. There is no minimum or maximum, and since we are now a 501 (c)3 organization, we can send you a tax receipt. Please folks, please help us to continue our mission. Help us to make our patch of the world a better, healthier,

more sustainable, friendly and fun place.

